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Musician Jared Campbell (left) entertains a crowd in the Hawk's Nest Sept. 29 at a time management event sponsored by the Student Advocates. Campbell was accompanied by freshman Geoffrey Makowski on vocals.

Administration cracks down on smoking policy, gives out citations and fines

Allison Collins
Asst. News Editor

Members of the administration and public safety are now enforcing the university smoking policy revised last January.

"First violations will result in a \$50.00 fine and one hour of campus service. There will be no more warnings," an email from John King, Vice President of Student Affairs, said.

Failure to schedule campus service within one week will result in an additional \$100 fine.

Administration and Public Safety handed out three citations last week, when they started enforcing the policy.

Citations are sometimes targeted, with individuals looking for violators of the policy, and sometimes random, according to King.

It is the responsibility of

those given citations to schedule their hour of campus service. Campus service must be scheduled within one week of the violation, and can be scheduled by emailing the Vice President of Student Affairs staff at smoking-policy@rwu.edu.

Service will entail picking up cigarette butts and other trash, according to King.

The revised smoking policy

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Chameleon Club cancelled

Dee DeQuattro
News Editor

After a record number of hospital transports on the night of the Sept. 27 Chameleon Club, the administration has decided to cancel the Chameleon Club scheduled for Nov. 1 2008.

"It was ultimately my decision, but I asked for a recommendation from Tamara Von George, the director of Student Programs and Leadership," said John King, Vice President of Student Affairs. "I asked for that recommendation after many meetings were held."

Chameleon Club will return in the spring, despite the cancellation of the Wicked Weekend Chameleon Club, according to Emily Chappell, co-chair of the event.

"The next Chameleon Club is scheduled for Feb. 27," she said. "We are going to spend the next couple of months really researching how to improve the safety of the event."

Student alcohol consumption for fall Chameleon Clubs has been much higher than that of the spring, according to Von George. Information from the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards shows that the fall

Chameleon Clubs are higher risk events, averaging seven hospital transports each. During the spring semester, the average hospital transport on a Chameleon Club night was less than one a night.

"There will be some changes made [to the next Chameleon Club] but it is too early to tell what those changes will be," King said.

Chameleon Club co-chair Caitie Abrahamson mentioned one possibility.

"We have the idea that if we don't have a door

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New club sets out to prove students can have fun without drinking. **Page 2.**

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Freshmen put on merit system

Stephen DePasquale
Herald Staff

She is a freshman at RWU attending a reading by the author of "The Working Poor," but she is not here by choice.

The freshman, Kaila Starr, said she feels she's being forced to attend this event in order to earn merit points toward acquiring a better residence-hall room for her sophomore year.

"Being forced to go to events to get one-third of a point toward housing is kind of annoying," Starr said. "It's kind of like I'm being bribed."

Starr and the rest of the freshman class are part of the new housing lottery system, which is based on earning and losing merit points. A student is awarded points for attending events on campus, making the Dean's List, and volunteering for community service. Points are deducted for conduct, parking and smoking violations.

"This is a new program developed to take a look at many different aspects of a student's involvement at the University," said Tony Montefusco, Director of Housing. "We're only starting this off with the freshman class this year."

Every member of the freshman class begins with 10 merit points. From Au-

gust through the end of January, a student can gain up to five additional merit points (up to a maximum of 15), and can lose as many points as negative behavior dictates.

"Events that embody the university's core values would reward a student with one merit point," Montefusco said. "Other types of education lectures and programs are one-third of a point."

In the past, the housing system was based on a random lottery number. Students were separated into groups based on the number of credits they earned during their careers at RWU. This caused concern among students when they saw peers who caused significant damage or had policy violations being able to select their housing before others who were positively involved with the university.

To create a fair balance and encourage involvement, the Department of Residence Life and Housing developed this new merit system to reward those who were involved in various events, clubs and organizations at RWU. Priority is still on class year, but where a student stands in his or her class is based on merit points, then completed credits, and, if needed, a randomly assigned lottery

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RWU Makeover



KIRSTIE GOODWIN/HAWK'S HERALD

Construction zones litter the campus, but the administration's primary concern is student safety. For full story see page 8, and look for future issues for more updates on construction.

Goodwin analyzes upcoming election

Allison Collins
Asst. News Editor

Doris Kearns Goodwin's speech, the first of a Civil Discourse series on "The American Presidency," drew the largest crowd in Roger Williams University history Thursday night, according to President Nirschel's introduction speech.

A Pulitzer Prize winning presidential historian, Goodwin compared the traits of Senator Obama and Senator McCain to those Abraham Lincoln displayed during his presidency.

The characteristics she insinuated made Lincoln great, and by extension would make the next president great, included warmth, the ability to withstand adversity, emotion management and the ability to face situations directly, among other things.

She talked about how Lincoln surrounded himself not with people he liked, but with people who would help him lead the country.

The most important trait of all is the nature of a leader's ambitions, she said.

She spoke of her drive to understand the per-

son behind the public figure and told stories surrounding her biography of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

She also talked about the history of campaigns, primaries and the importance of debates.

The private lives on candidates of presidents didn't used to be scrutinized like they are by the media today, she said.

She said the "dirty tricks" of politicians used to be fun.

"What we should be thinking of with these candidates is that these candidates have all had a history of public service before this, they've all got different strengths and weaknesses that they're going to bring to the presidential office..." Goodwin said, attributing the idea to Frank Williams, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for Rhode Island.



New club hopes to offer non-drinking programs

Maxwell Coviello
Herald Staff

Students who drink responsibly or choose not to drink at all might be turned off by parties and on-campus get-togethers where alcohol is consumed in excess.

For many students, there is not a dry alternative to these social gatherings and some might feel as if they are ostracized for their choice not to drink.

Now there is a place for these students to unwind and socialize in a fun, safe and non-alcoholic atmosphere.

The product of three Roger Williams students, Rand Morris, Hannah Reynolds, and Amber Thomas, "Add Nothing" is a new club devoted to students who abstain from alcohol or drugs.

"The mindset is that you don't have to 'add anything' to have a good time," Morris said.

The idea for "Add Nothing" started as a Facebook group during Morris' freshman year. After Thomas and Morris decided to turn it into an on-campus group, the two resident assistants got together with Maple HAWE Hannah Reynolds and presented their idea to Director of Health Education, Donna Darmody, who approved.

While the group is geared toward freshmen, it is open to all other students, and not just students who totally abstain from drinking.

Students who choose to drink responsibly are also welcomed. While the group itinerary as a whole has yet to be fully developed, Morris said he hopes that the start of "Add Nothing" will gain positive results from incoming students.

"I want to get feedback to see where the group will go," Morris said. "I'd love to eventually do programming with CEN, just have an atmosphere where [non-drinkers] are not alienated anymore; maybe off campus trips."

The first meeting will be held on Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Maple Office next to the Women's Center.

SMOKING: Policy enforced

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eliminates smoking on campus except for in 14 designated smoking areas. These areas can be located on a map distributed through e-mail. Smoking is also allowed in Lot J, including the parking structure, Lot 25 and Lot A.

For freshmen, three smoking violations will result in the loss of one merit point.

"The university spent almost \$60,000 on providing designated smoking shelters," King said.

"We could have chosen to go totally smoke-free. Instead we chose to have designated areas," King said.

"The majority of the students are using the gazebos," King said.

Several of the smoking gaze-

bos have been, or will be replaced with larger units because of the volume of people using them. The university is planning on putting a smoking gazebo at the King Philip residence hall. There are already smoking gazebos at Almeida and Baypoint.

"The vast majority of students are really cooperating and have from the beginning," King said.

Public Safety and Administration will give out citations to policy violators. Students are not giving citations to other students.

Since the smoking policy's revision, Health Services began giving smoking cessation patches to students.

In previous years students could access the patch through Health Services for about half

the retail price.

"All students can access 'the patch'...through health services for free," King said.

"If an individual smokes so much that they are nicotine addicted they may need some kind of aid," Anne Andrade, Director of Health Services, said.

"Even if we weren't providing it, the patch is no more expensive than smoking," Andrade said.

In addition to patches, Health Services also provides counseling. Websites to help smokers quit can be located through Health Service website.

To request a map of the designated smoking areas contact Public Safety's Division of Environmental Health and Safety at ext. 3611.

CLUB: Administration pulls plug on event

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time, there may not be as much binge drinking," she said.

Abrahamson refers to students who drink excessive amounts before Chameleon Club during the 'pre-game' parties and then end up sick.

King met with the Campus Entertainment Network board, as well as members of Student Programs and Leadership and decided it was best for the campus to cancel the event.

"I think it is unfair to CEN as an organization that individual students and group behavior really forced our hands in making this decision," King said.

"I made the recommendation (to cancel Chameleon Club) based on the culture surrounding the event, the pre-gaming culture, not the event itself. The event is a high quality event and a great event," Von George said.

Jaclyn Calovine, chair of CEN,

agreed.

"We are firm believers that it is not our event, but the culture surrounding the event."

"It's just too risky to continue on without shaking up pre-environments," King said. "All these events would stop forever if a student ever died from alcohol poisoning."

According to a report released to CEN by Seann Kalagher, assistant director of the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, one freshman who was transported the night of Chameleon Club stated that the reason for drinking was that "Chameleon Club is not fun unless you're drunk," and "that's all this campus talks about, when and where you are drinking before Chameleon Club. It's huge."

The student's name was not released.

Out of all the transports from the Sept. 27 event, only three did not at-

tend the event. One of those three said they got drunk at a Chameleon Club pre-game party. Six of the 11 transported students reported getting drunk in Bayside before the event. Out of the 11, 10 were underage. Nine of the 11 transported students reported drinking hard alcohol and all except one transport had a blood alcohol content register above .20, twice the legal limit.

"Student Affairs will be undergoing a comprehensive review of all our policies and sanctions regarding the use and abuse of alcohol," King said.

King said that Student Affairs was looking to investigate all campus events to try to understand what leads to the alcohol culture on campus.

"The alcohol task force will be formulating new sub-committees to look at all related issues including education, social programming, policies, sanctions, procuring alcohol for mi-

nors and student leader training and role modeling," King said.

The university plans to study the drinking on campus during "high risk" weekends, starting with Wicked Weekend.

"We would like to see if it is truly our event or just the culture on campus on a high risk weekend," Calovine said.

Some students are meeting the rumors of the canceled Chameleon club with dismay.

"As a senior at Roger Williams, I always look forward to two things: Homecoming Ball and Chameleon Club. I feel that it is very unfair to the senior class to not have either," senior Casey Barber said.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Hawk's Herald will not print next Friday, Oct. 17. The next edition will be on stands Oct. 24.

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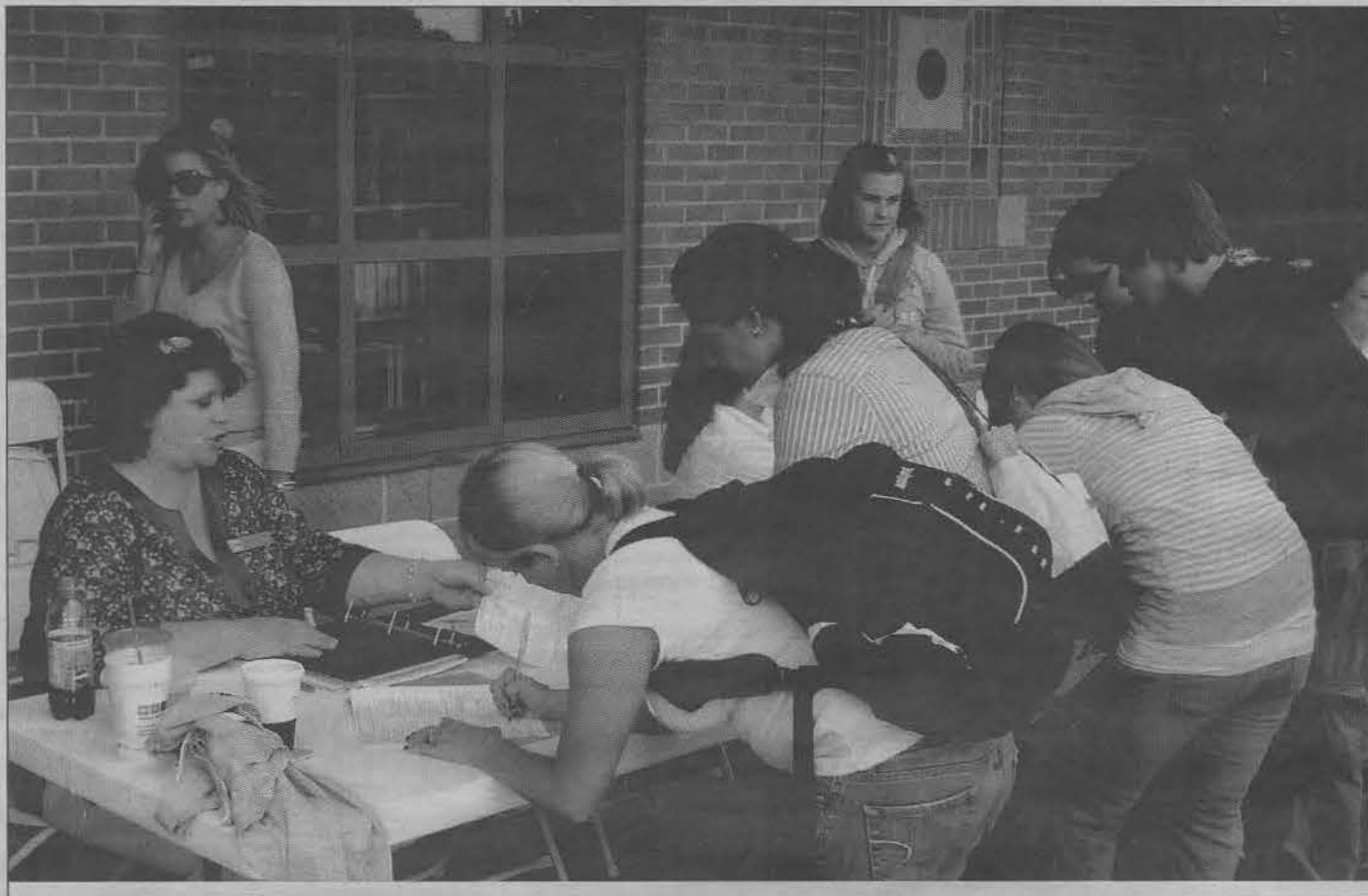
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HAWKING THE VOTE



BEN WHITMORE/THE HAWK'S HERALD

K.C. Ferrara, director of the Feinstein Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement, answers questions from students as they huddle over a voter registration table outside the library last week. The deadline to register to vote in Rhode Island was Oct. 4.

Weeklong voting drive boosts registration

Ben Whitmore
Herald Staff

Students gathered in front of the library last Wednesday to register to make their voices heard in the fast approaching presidential election.

Campus voting advocacy group Hawk the Vote sponsored a student information and voter registration drive on Oct. 1 called "What's Your Issue?!" A voter registration table, along with several other tables representing various groups on campus, lined the front of the library in an effort to encourage students to register to vote.

Ten tables, representing various campus organizations, were on hand to provide students with facts about where Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama stand on important issues.

Among the clubs and organizations represented at "What's Your Issue?!" were The ONE Campaign, an anti-poverty and anti-AIDS group, SREEP, renewable resources advocates, Tri Beta, the biological honors society, ACS, a group focused on scientific issues, Model UN, SAFE, a gay

rights group, and the College Democrats and Republicans.

The tables were well-received by the students.

Noelle Allard, president of ONE, was "impressed with the students" who came to the tables and asked about the candidates' positions.

"It was nice to have tables that gave you both candidates' views," freshman Johnny Archer said. "Being an informed voter is important for this election and the tables were a good way of getting the facts."

In the three hours that the program ran, about 250 students came to "What's Your Issue?!", according to Ashley Das, president of Tri Beta, who was in charge of student recruitment for the event. "I'm really happy with the turnout of both students and clubs. It's been awesome," Das said.

Out of 3,840 enrolled undergraduate students, only 13 percent are registered voters, said Juan Escoriza, coordinator of Students for Obama. That means that there were roughly 500 students who, before Wednesday, were registered voters. After the "What's Your Issue?!" voter registra-

tion drive, that number increased by 50 percent.

"I'm absolutely pleased with the turnout," said KC Ferrara, Director of the Feinstein Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement. Ferrara was in charge of the voter registration table.

"This election is geared for youth voters more than other [elections in the past]," Ferrara said. "No matter what, the election will bring amazing change."

"What's Your Issue?!" was the culmination of a weeklong voter registration drive organized by Hawk the Vote. Registration tables were located in the lobby of the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences, the lower level of the library, and at the entrance to the dining commons.

In an effort to encourage registered students to make it to the polls, a new on-campus polling station will be made available this year for students registered in Rhode Island. Students living in the Baypoint dormitories will be offered shuttle transportation to the polling station.

Senate hears from administration Alcohol abuse, possible RIPTA cuts discussed at Monday meeting

Kyle Toomey
Herald Staff

Vice President of Student Affairs John King met with Student Senate on Monday to discuss a number of issues that King felt should be collaborated on by the administration and the Senate.

King first discussed the future relationship of RWU with the Rhode Island Public Transportation Authority. RIPTA is considering limiting its service along the route utilized by RWU students.

Rates for shuttle service are also expected to increase in January. Under a new plan, RIPTA rides are free to all Roger Williams students this year. The school, however, is charged.

King also announced an open student forum scheduled to take place with President Roy J. Nirschel on Monday, Oct. 27. The open forum will serve as an opportunity for students

to ask Nirschel questions about the state of the university.

King also expressed his shared concern with the issue of alcohol consumption on campus. King said committees are being formed in response to what he previously called an 'alcohol overdose' involving 11 students who had to be transported to local hospitals the night of the most recent Chameleon Club.

Five bills were passed during Monday's meeting. Four of the bills pertained to the appointment of senators to various campus committees.

Jenn Olivo and Cory Egan were appointed to the Bias Response Team, Ashley Saunders was appointed to the University Dining Committee and Brian McGrath was appointed to the University Parking Committee as well as the Recycling and Sustainability Committee.

The final bill was passed in response to apparent confusion of stu-

dents regarding parking restrictions and fining. The Senate will encourage Public Safety to provide students with sufficient information regarding parking at the beginning of the year.

The Senate would also encourage Public Safety to give two weeks advance notice when parking fines are changed.

At last Monday's meeting, one bill was passed that added a section to the Senate bylaws, entitled Club Requirements. The section is effective in May of 2009.



Students struggle to find loans

Francesca Garofalo
Herald Staff

Freshman Beth Before loves Roger Williams University. She may not be able to say that next year, or more likely, next semester. She cannot afford to stay here.

Before is one of many students who were denied loans this year, even with cosigners. Currently, she is paying almost completely out of pocket with money she made working

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

This is the first story in an occasional series about the many ways the poor economy is affecting students.

throughout high school in a beef jerky factory, a convenience store and at a resort.

She does have a b o u t

\$12,000 in scholarships and a \$250 Stafford loan.

In order to continue at Roger Williams next semester, Before would have to sell all her stocks, which would still leave her shortchanged. "I want to stay in one school for the year, and I really like it here, but I'd have to sell all my stocks and I planned on using them to pay for a home, eventually," she said.

Without more financial aid or a reasonable loan, next year isn't even an option.

Finding a loan, much less a reasonable one has become much more difficult since the economy started to fall apart. Even the school is having a hard time, according to Lynn Fawthrop, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Retention.

Every year, Roger Williams puts together a "preferred lenders" list, a compilation of banks which offer student loans at a reasonable rate. Just this year, the School of Law lost three lenders.

Student loans are only a symptom of a failing economy. Many major investment banks are selling out (or in Lehman Brothers' case, filing for bankruptcy) and economists are comparing the current credit crisis to the Great Depression. Last week, Congress passed a \$700 billion bailout plan, through which the federal government will buy up unsecured short-term debt. This would allow companies to continue functioning normally and help prevent the economy from freezing.

But where does that leave college students?

"Paying for college is becoming less and less feasible, not just here at Roger Williams, but nationally," Fawthrop said. In addition, she said the government is putting its resources into loans rather than grants. That means individual colleges are left to try to lessen the cost, with private scholarships and grants to make an education more available to a wider range of students. That also means that while Harvard and Amherst College can cut their tuition to 10 percent of the cost for those with families making under \$200,000 a year, smaller, private schools with less funds are becoming unaffordable.

With the cost of college going up and the selection of schools and loans evaporating, students such as Before are forced to switch schools. If Before had to take out loans with high interest rates in order to continue college, even at a state school, Fawthrop advocated taking them.

"If it makes the difference between going to college or not going to college, it's a no brainer," she said.

COMMENTARY

Dee DeQuattro

Ever feel like you're driving in circles? Literally, you're driving around campus searching for a parking space and to no surprise you can't find one. So you continue to circle campus in pursuit of a parking space. Nothing is more irritating.

People probably spend more money on gas driving around campus looking for a place to park than they do when they are actually driving somewhere.

Can you even remember the last time you saw a decent parking space on campus that was not reserved for faculty and staff? It barely ever happens. Even in J Lot, you can barely find a spot anywhere in the vast sea of cars.

As a result, students make their own spaces on the lawn, in 'no parking' zones or even faculty parking. We have all done it. This, of course, upsets the faculty, who now must join the students in the struggle to find parking spots. And it upsets the student returns to his or her car

only to find a bright orange parking ticket.

Nothing can ruin your day more than one of those tickets after you looked for a parking space for about an hour.

To save our faculty and students anguish there is only one solution; ban sophomores from having cars on campus.

Having a car on campus should be a rite of passage reserved only for juniors and seniors. Having a car on campus is a privilege that needs to be earned.

In recent years, RWU has accepted more students in its incoming classes. With class sizes growing, the car population is, too, and something must be done.

Banning only freshmen from having cars may have worked for RWU in the past when the average class size was substantially smaller, but if the school wants to continue to expand the size of the student body, this solution will not suffice.

Considering that most sophomores live on campus, they do not really need cars. Everything you need is but a walk away. And why not walk? It might even help cut down on the obesity rate in America. For the convenience of sophomores who live in off-campus housing, the school offers an excellent shuttle service for their convenience.

The idea behind banning freshmen from cars on campus is to keep them on campus, focused on school and campus life. Why not extend this policy to sophomores? Only good can come from it.

Instead of escapading around Newport and Providence every day, or killing themselves with the workload of a part-time job and full-time classes, sophomores will be more school-oriented, perhaps resulting in higher grade point averages. That way, the student wins and the school wins.

Other colleges, such as Marymount College in Virginia, have im-

plemented similar policies which have worked wonders for the campus community. The policy keeps students on campus or traveling off campus in groups, instead of individually.

Not to mention that the administration has extended free RIPTA boarding passes to all students this year. Thus they can get around and for free. In actuality, it would be saving them the expense of gas money and the pain of driving.

Next time you're frantically searching for a parking spot, think of all the spots that would be available if sophomores did not have cars on campus.

It would be bliss.

Faculty will no longer have to fight students for their spots, upperclassmen will no longer have to struggle to find parking, and sophomores will save a buck on gas.

Everyone wins.

RWU vs. SU: The Language Barrier

Amy Torregrossa

Notes from South Africa

The best way to take in a study abroad experience is to not compare where you are to back home. It triggers homesickness and makes those around you think that you're comparing the differences in a negative way.

So naturally, I tried my hardest to take things that were different as they were, not what they "should" be. However, looking at these differences made me realize how fortunate I am to study in the United States, and simple things should not be taken for granted.

Imagine how many times you have stopped by your pro-

fessor's office and sat down and had a "quick" conversation. Most of the professors at RWU have their doors permanently open no matter how much work they have.

At SU, the policy is starkly different. For example, my friend Justin, originally from Oregon, has been studying Engineering at SU for the past two years. He has taken a semester worth of Afrikaans, the predominate language of Stellenbosch and the official language of the university.

He lives with an Afrikaans family and takes mainstream or "T-Module" courses, that are taught half in Afrikaans and half in English. Engineering is, from what I understand, one of the most difficult areas of study.

Learning theories and formulas in Afrikaans makes it that much more challenging. I asked Justin how he learns all these concepts



AMY TORREGROSSA/THE HAWK'S HERALD

Above: The view from a vineyard in South Africa. Left: Typical sign on campus in Afrikaans.

when he has only taken one semester of Afrikaans.

I told him he must ask the professor to clarify a lot of the material. He laughed and told me that the professors here, especially in the Engineering department, do not offer extra help the way we think of in the states.

Office hours are out of the question. Most professors don't have them and if they do, you have to make an appointment. And if you're lucky, you will get one in the

next two weeks. Student tutors, however, are available in the library. You just have to pay for them.

For me, I don't take mainstream courses. The courses I take are formulated for International Students and are taught strictly in English. The professors are always willing to help and I have never felt as though I was going against the norm asking a professor to help me with any of the material.

I don't know how I would

have gotten through my years at RWU without being allowed to pop into professors' offices when I had a question. It's something to think about next time you want to stop by your professor's office to have a conversation.

Amy Torregrossa is a senior studying abroad in South Africa. She is an occasional columnist for The Hawk's Herald.



YOUR VOICE

Smoking policy does not please all students

In response to the Sept. 26 article, "Students accept smoking regulations," there are a number of dissenting opinions against the new smoking policy, and faulty information stated in the article that we feel should be brought to readers' attention.

First of all, the article is entitled, "Students accept smoking regulations." However, the opinions expressed by the interviewed students do not reflect the entire student body. The students interviewed who do accept the policy are freshmen who have only been a part of this community for about a month, during which time the new policy has been in effect. The anonymous upperclassmen interviewed for the article clearly do not accept the smoking regulations. Therefore, the article's title is misleading and essentially inaccurate.

The article also states that the freshman students who have "accepted" this smoking policy have created their own culture based in the gazebos. These students are choosing to conform to a policy which is being forced upon them unjustly. The committee of "students, faculty and staff - smokers and non-smokers" who created these smoking regulations represents only a small percentage of the campus community. This is evident through the in-

terviews with upperclassmen quoted in the article, who oppose the policy.

In addition, the reasons behind the formation of the policy appear faulty. In the e-mail that John King sent to all students last week, he stated that the policy was made "carefully balancing the health and needs of both smokers and non-smokers." The health of the campus community is not threatened by cigarette smoke that is dispersed in the outside air. If a non-smoker does not want to inhale second-hand smoke, they do not have to stand in close proximity to someone who is smoking. The campus should enforce Rhode Island state laws regarding smoking a certain amount of feet from the entrance of a building and rules against littering, instead of creating these new smoking regulations which limit the freedom of the campus community. In addition, the needs of smokers are not met by this policy if upperclassmen are complaining that it poses an inconvenience to them. An anonymous sophomore stated in the article said, "[The gazebos] are inconvenient in the sense that we sometimes only have a few minutes to get to class, so going to gazebos wastes time." Some non-smoker faculty members also oppose the policy. History professor Dr.

Debra Mulligan is concerned that she will not be able to hold classes in the large gazebo near CAS in the warmer weather, since it is now a designated smoking area.

From this information, it is evident that a large portion of the campus community does not accept the smoking regulations, contrary to the title of the article.

Heather Bryant, '10
Ashley Whitman, '09

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The Original Oktoberfest: Munich, Germany

IN OUR OPINION



Kelleigh Welch
Lessons From Abroad

Prost! The liter beer mugs, displaying the emblems of the tent's sponsor beer distributor, clank together as hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world gather together to celebrate the greatest beer festival. I am in Munich, Germany, and it is Oktoberfest. According to Let's Go Travel Guides, Oktoberfest originated as a celebration of the wedding of Ludwig I in 1810, and turned into a yearly celebration in which locals and foreigners spend three weeks in late October and early December drinking more than 5 million liters of beer and eating over 200,000 *Wurst*. Sounds like a party to me.

For the record, I didn't just go to Oktoberfest for the beer. Since high school, I've always had an interest in Germany, to the point where I was three years into studying the language and was vice president and co-founder of my high school German Club. So, naturally, studying in Italy and being so close to Germany gives me an excuse to go.

Normally, when you plan a trip to Munich for Oktoberfest, you have to schedule it almost a year in advance. However, many Florence student travel agencies in the area offer trips there, although it may only include transportation and accommodation for the night, but it is easier than trying to book a hostel a month in advance.

We left Florence on a small, cramped bus at midnight, and drove eight hours through Northern Italy and the Bavarian countryside until we arrived at our hostel. We checked in, and before any of us were able to shower, we were back on the bus and on our way.

My first impression of Oktoberfest was pure madness. It looked like a giant carnival, with the generic football toss, food stands, and people crammed into the small streets trying to get from place to place, while a huge Ferris Wheel looms over the entire complex.

Most of the stands lining the streets sold food, such as the typical German bratwurst or pretzels, or they were touristy souvenir shops that sold T-shirts stating, "I survived Oktoberfest 2008." Many of the stands sold these heart-shaped gingerbread cookies with frosting, and I made note immediately that I would not leave Munich until I had one.

Behind the carnival scene were the beer tents, the place where all the fun begins. A different beer company sponsored each tent, so in order to try each kind, you needed to set aside a lot of money, a lot of patience and a lot of time. In the tents, you will not be served unless you are seated, so you have to fight with hundreds of other people to sit, just to get your eight-euro liter. We learned very quickly that in order to get a table, you had to make friends.

Now, I won't give you the play by play of my weekend from here. Instead, I will touch on the highlights. On the first day, we sat outside the Augustiner Brau tent, and met a group of young Germans who taught us all about their culture. We learned about what it takes to get into college in Germany, what they do on the weekends, favorite foods, and so on.

I found the German people to be more friendly and welcoming than the Italians as well. This may have been because we were all drinking, but I also felt as though I didn't have to be on my guard the whole time. My blonde hair fit in much easier there, and it was nice to not be hit on every five minutes. I was also in love with the fact that my three years of high school German were finally paying off and I could communicate better with



One sign showing a type of beer found on Oktoberfest in Germany

the people there than in Italy.

We spent the majority of the first day there wandering the streets of Munich, which is far more modern than Florence is due to the fact that it was bombed in the second World War. The city is filled with history, from the original buildings used during the Third Reich (now museums) to the lush Englischer Garten, which displays various forms of architecture from across the world.

My biggest regret about the weekend, however, was that I did not get to see everything I wanted. Some of my roommates made it to Daccau, which they said was both eerie and incredible to see. If I were to go back, I think I would skip the festivities for a day, and see more of the city.

But would I change anything about my trip? Not at all. It was an experience I will never forget, and I loved every minute of it. I would also suggest that if any of you ever get the chance, go to Munich. It's worth it.

Ciao!
Kelleigh

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Hawk's Herald to hit web soon

Friday means plenty of pretty cool things.

It means a two-day vacation from classes, the end of a brutal workweek and the opportunity to sleep in on Saturday.

It also means a fresh edition of *The Hawk's Herald* is on stands.

When you want to know what's happening on campus, you read about it in *The Hawk's Herald*.

You patiently wait all week, and for that, we thank you.

But in the information age, waiting more than 30 seconds for something simply will not do.

That's one of the reasons *The Hawk's Herald* is going online. For the past month, the newspaper has been in negotiations with the College Media Network (formerly known as College Publisher), which is behind the online editions of almost every college newspaper in America.

CMN works carefully with student newspapers to build professional Web sites that complement the print editions and enhance content for the audience. We are eager to launch our site and even more eager to hear what you think of it.

We are nearing the finish line. A contract with CMN is under review by the university's general counsel and the site should soon be in our hands.

We look forward to expanding on the newspaper's responsibility to its readers—to report, in a balanced manner, the issues that matter to the students, faculty and staff of this university.

We will keep you updated on our progress, and hope to have our site up shortly.

What would you like to see on *The Hawk's Herald* Web site? Send your suggestions to opinion.hawksherald@gmail.com

Need work- Have soul for sale or trade



Erik Johnson
Johnson's Gist

no matter how sacred to his heart or history.

Have you heard the story of John McCain's time as a prisoner of war? If you have ever turned on a television, picked up a newspaper or visited any one of the online news Web sites, the answer is yes. He tells it at every opportunity, and even when there is no opportunity. John has found a way to turn any question into a chance to tell this tale...over and over and over again. Even on "The Tonight Show" with the ever-imposing interrogator Jay Leno, he was asked lightheartedly how many houses he had, a relatively straightforward question. He replies, "Could I just mention to you, Jay, that in a moment of seriousness, I spent five and a half years in a prison cell..."

I don't mention this to make light of the five and a half torturous years, I do it simply to point out how frequently he brings it up. In fact, the events, when told outside the filter of

public television, will make you cringe. Laying helpless with two broken arms and a broken leg after his plane was shot down, the North Vietnamese crushed his shoulder and then stabbed him with their bayonets. He received no medical attention for several months, and was tortured every few hours for information.

Which is why nobody, not even torture proponents, questioned his bold outspoken criticism of torture. His points went beyond himself. It is clearly inhumane, and the practice gives our enemies carte blanche to engage in those very same disgusting practices against Americans.

Which is why McCain was one of the few legislators, Republican or Democrat, to oppose torture at Guantanamo Bay. Well, that is, until he decided to run for president. At which point he turned around and voted to authorize waterboarding, the most reviled of torture techniques. It gives the victim the feeling that they are drowning, which essentially they are. That sensation of drown then gives way to

unimaginable pain in the lungs and brain. Victims are left with irreparable psychological trauma. He had been vehemently opposed to torture, including waterboarding, for his entire 26-year career! Who wants a leader with principles anyway?

Next up on McCain's "Sell My Soul for the Presidency" tour, Liberty University, an evangelical university founded by none other than Jerry Falwell. Mr. Falwell is a man McCain famously and correctly dubbed



an "agent of intolerance" back in 2002. Falwell made a name for himself by championing segregation and opposing the likes of Martin Luther King Jr. back in the 60's. A real class act. He then moved on to the Gay and Lesbian community,

whom he declared would "just as soon kill you as look at you." Falwell didn't leave it at words, he actively campaigned against even the most basic of gay rights such as anti-discrimination ordinances in housing. For good measure I must mention what is likely his most famous and notorious remark, blaming the Sept. 11 attacks

on "the pagans, and the abortionists, and the feminists, and the gays and the lesbians..." God apparently brought his wrath upon us for poor judgment.

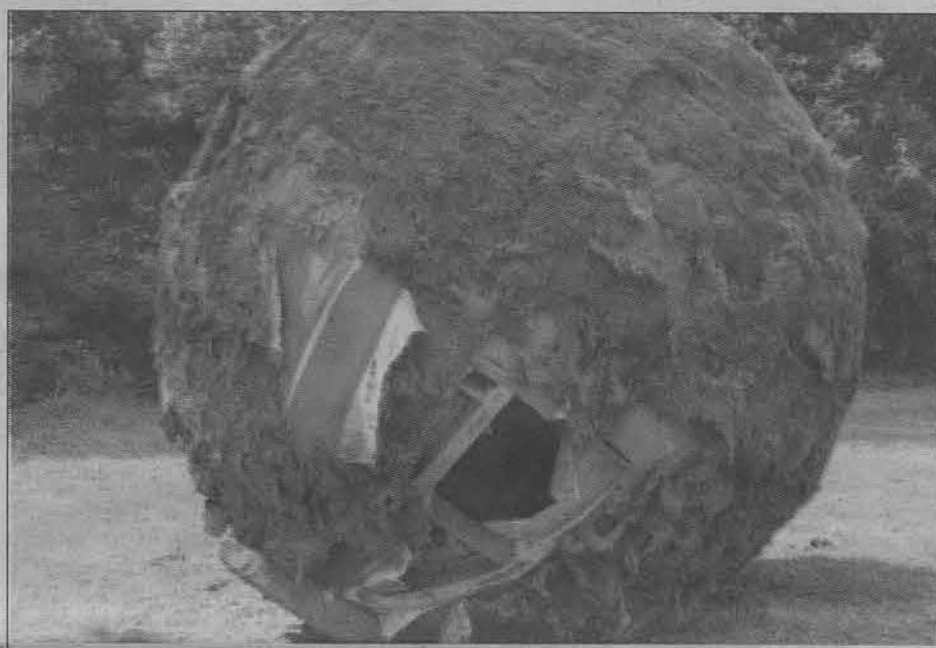
Well, at least John McCain is against this jerk! Oh that's right, he 'was' against this jerk. But then decided to give the commencement speech for Liberty Graduates, standing side by side with Mr. Falwell. Do you remember in "Star Wars" when Darth Vader gives Luke the opportunity to bow down and join the dark side, but Luke refuses? OK, that's the opposite of what happened here. Instead, he puckered up and planted a big juicy one on the rump of one of the most hate-filled despicable public figures in our nation's history.

Are you beginning to see the picture here? These are not instances of being arm wrestled into raising taxes a smidgen against one's will or voting for a bill you are opposed to in order to garner votes for another bill. This is selling out everything you have ever believed, this is having absolutely no spine, this is doing WHATEVER it takes to win. Maverick? By definition, a maverick is "a person who refuses to conform to a particular party or group." Doesn't really sound like what we have here, does it? In the words of Maureen Dowd, a New York Times columnist, "True mavericks don't brand themselves."

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Out of sight

Ashley Willox
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On the quad or by the water, school

There was nothing left for Janet Pihlblad to do but watch and wait as a group of six Facilities maintenance men rolled her masterpiece – a delicate moss-covered ball standing 10 feet in diameter – onto the bed of a wooden trailer.

"Don't scratch my skylight!" shouted Pihlblad, who was serving last year as RWU's first-ever artist-in-residence. "Have them hold onto it!" she implored, her voice quaky. And with that she was silent.

This plush, green ball of moss, known as the "Moss Sphere," was a sculpture she and 28 students, some visual arts majors and some not, created for the school. But on this day in May, the sculpture was uprooted from its place at the center of campus and moved down by the edge of Mount Hope Bay. For reasons unknown to her at the time, the administration had decided that the location was no longer acceptable.

The debate over what is art, and where it goes, seems in question at RWU, where an "art park" has begun to be built between the Fine Arts building and the Gabelli School of Business. The question of what kind of art is appropriate, who decides and where it goes was something a University "Arts on Campus Committee" is currently deliberating in conjunction with the administration. The question of Pihlblad's Moss Sphere was what got the ball rolling.

"The subject of the artwork is wonderment and an inside-out feeling about the intimacy of home and seemingly faraway places," Pihlblad said of the piece.

She said the theme fit RWU because the inside of the sphere boasted a unique effect: when viewed through the sculpture's tiny skylight, it looked like an inverted globe of the Earth.

"The inside-out world inside came from hearing several of President (Roy) Nirschel's lectures about his desire for the college to be more globally involved," Pihlblad said.

Some other were baffled by the decision.

"I don't really get why the thing was moved," said Anne Tait, a Visual Arts professor. "Here's our visiting artist, and she's worked so hard on this; she did such a beautiful exhibit.... If it was this Niki de Saint Phalle bare-naked lady with her crotch open so you can walk through it, which is like a 1960s piece, I can kind of see people being like, 'Well, you know I don't think people want to walk through this woman's vagina.'"

"Why wouldn't you leave that on campus?," said Tait.

The relocation process, which proved to be a difficult task, took roughly six people at least eight hours to complete.

"It was very large. It was cumbersome because of the construction of it," John Tameo, Director of Facilities Operations said. "We were just told by the administration that we had to move it. The original location wasn't acceptable. Facilities, we don't make the decisions, we just do what we're told to do."

"We treated it as gently as possible," Tameo said, "but just the nature of the piece wasn't designed to be moved around as much as it was moved around, and the weight of it was very heavy. It had these wooden spines on the inside and it rolled off to one of the sides and one of the spines cracked. The artist was there. She wasn't too happy about it. I felt bad, because there was a lot of effort that went into it."

The visiting artist position was created for the purpose of enhancing the art program at RWU.

"The faculty's hope was that my presence would draw more attention to the visual arts on campus," Pihlblad said. "And before I was hired, I was asked if I could work with students to produce a public sculpture for the campus."

The irony in this, however, is that the finished sculpture, which took two semesters of preparation to

craft, beginning in October 2007 and ending in early June 2008, was anything but public, and its location was not an easy one to decide upon.

After proposing six potential sites to the administration, and having each one of them turned down, Pihlblad was finally given the OK to use a site between the School of Architecture and Historic Preservation and the University Library, she said. In the midst of its installation, however, Pihlblad was told she needed to move the sculpture to a different location on campus.

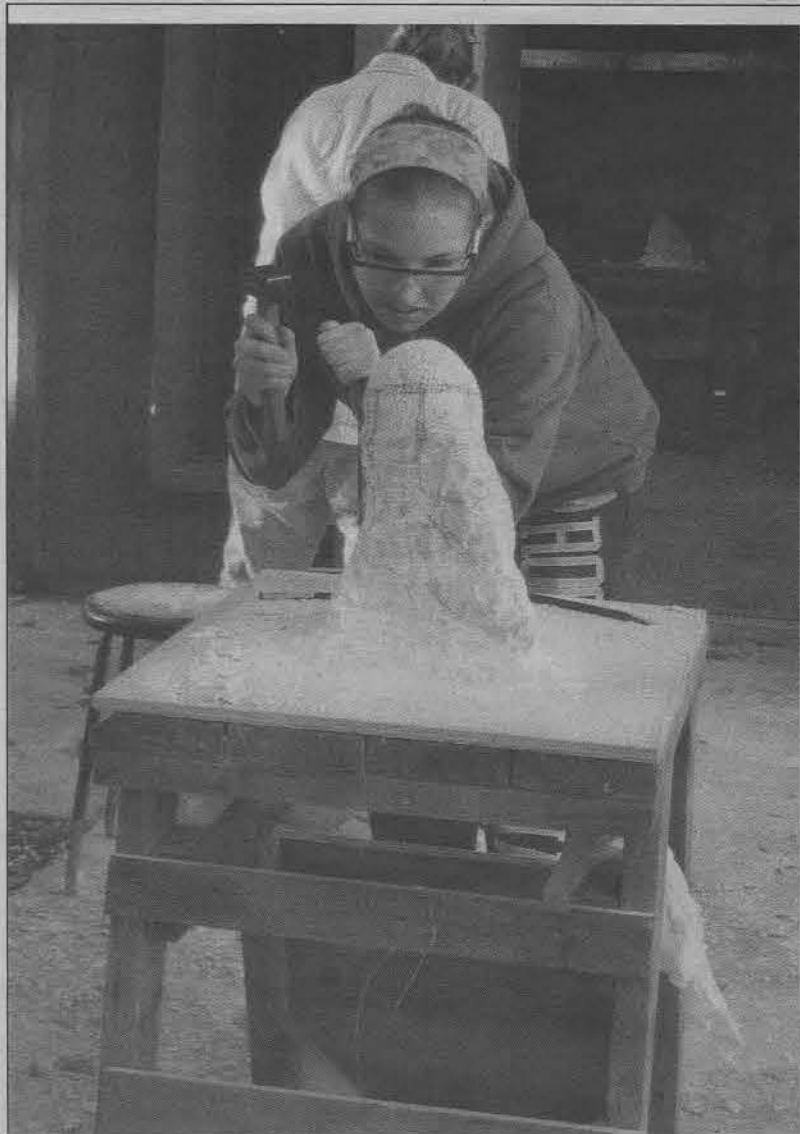
"This was the first time the college had ever done anything like this," Pihlblad says. "There were lots of issues to be worked out as we went along. After the piece was installed, with a poured-concrete base, without its moss skin, in process and quite unfinished, I was suddenly told that it must be relocated immediately."

"At 12:30 p.m. that day, I was made to understand that it must be out of the ground, and gone by 4 p.m. I was taken over the campus and offered a list of distant locations at that point, and chose a spot on the seashell path, for its natural beauty."

Professor Jeffrey Silverthorne, chair of the Arts on Campus Committee, which is a developing organization created to make art more accessible and visible to all students on campus so that's it is a part of everyday life, is also perplexed regarding the decision to remove Pihlblad's sculpture.

"It was addressing the idea of the world. I think everybody was a little bit sad that the piece which meant to bring about a unity, a sphere [being] a unified structure, covered with a natural material, was moved."

There have, however, been other incidents on campus where art displays have resulted in some heated debate. A few years ago, graduating seniors had exhibition work displayed all over campus,



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A giant art project known as the Moss Sphere (above left) sits in a quiet spot at the edge of campus overlooking Mount Hope Bay during the summer after it was uprooted from its place at the center of campus.

The sphere, created by artist in residence Janet Pihlblad and 28 students, was vandalized in its new home (below left) and eventually removed.

An "art park" between the Fine Arts building and the Gabelli School of Business is in development, and will eventually display more publicly student art-work, such as that created by seniors Carol-Ann Wallhagen (above) and Catherine Rousseau.



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wrestles with art's place on campus

the exhibit in the Recreation Center, which included translucent wax body casts of female torsos and erotic collages, caused quite a stir.

"I remember being surprised at how provocative they were and thinking, 'Oh, OK, this is interesting and surprising,'" Visual Arts Professor Elizabeth Duffy said. "Some of the work got very strong reactions from students and from faculty."

"We all thought it was a really good thing in the Visual Arts Department because art is about that sort of conversation. Is it art? What makes it art? When is it reasonable or when could it be reasonable to censor something, when is it not? That sort of dialogue is important to have, and in the arts, it happens all the time."

"I think [freedom] is hugely important," Duffy said.

Tait knows all too well what it is like to have art censored.

Back in 2005, she was asked by various philosophy professors to be a faculty speaker at a Socrates Café. But her subject caused some dispute, and there were even threats of a protest.

"They asked what my subject was going to be and I said how about 'Can masturbation be art?'" Tait said. "I centered it on masturbation because I actually had a student ask me that once, after an artist came to visit named Vito Acconci who did a piece called 'Seabed' in the seventies. His whole thing was to challenge the gallery, but is that really art? Well, I don't know. So, I decided to make it the topic. The point is, it caused a very big controversy on this campus. And as a result, I had such good attendance in this thing."

Members of the administration had decided it was too offensive because there were going to be visiting faculty and parents attending the university that weekend, Tait said. They removed all of Tait's

promotional posters that said 'Can masturbation be art?' and replaced them with ones that read, 'What are the limits to art' without informing or asking her first.

"Whenever you put art out there, you have more issues," Tait said. "You've got people that are not part of the intersects of art looking and dealing with your art. And I think its reassuring if your art means someone reacts. It's amazing how little it takes to cause controversy. I think it's both interesting and funny."

Although the "Moss Sphere" may not have been quite as risqué as a piece on masturbation or naked women, the fact that it was not completed on time may have had something to do with its removal.

"I really don't know why they moved it to be honest, but I think it was partly because there was graduation and it was still in progress," Duffy said.

Catherine Rousseau, a student in Pihlblad's Mixed Media class last semester, had very strong feelings about the sphere's removal.

"At first we were all upset, irritated, and hurt. We felt that by moving it down to the water where it was no longer in the public eye was a way of telling us that our work was not good enough for the image of Roger Williams," Rousseau said.

"This project was my piece of art and it was just thrown down by the water. It was rolled down the hill and broke in over 30 places."

Rousseau started a Facebook group in an attempt to bring students together to petition the relocation and even wrote a letter to Stephen White, dean of the School of Art, Architecture and Historic Preservation and to the president, requesting a meeting to discuss her feelings about the moving of the sculpture.

"I sent this letter to the president at least four times and I was never replied to. All in all, Janet and

"I think in public art projects, it's par for the course. It happens all the time... There's always this kind of a give and take... That's part of the art-making process."

-Elizabeth Duffy, visual arts professor, on the compromises artists sometimes must make when their work, and where it is placed, comes into question

I, and the class, felt as if the school really did not care about art on campus or the work that we put into it."

But Duffy would contend that with public art, sometimes things don't always go as the artist plans.

"I think in public art projects, it's par for the course. It happens all the time," Duffy said. "It's a little bit like somebody sitting down, somebody commissioning a portrait and then they get the portrait and they don't like the way the nose looks. There's always this kind of a give and take. That's part of the art making process...how do you deal with the failures that happen or the things that don't work out how you expect them to, or things that break along the way?"

Yet amidst all of the miscommunication and controversy, the administration and visual arts faculty have attempted to find a resolution regarding future art installations on campus.

"The location by the water was both a blessing and a curse," Pihlblad said.

And as a result, the school has chosen a site between the Gabelli School of Business and the Fine Arts Building for an "Art Park," which will be a designated spot on campus for students to display their artwork.

"In the end, [the sphere] is sort of one of those things that has brought about greater awareness and more of a dialogue, not only in visual arts, but between visual arts and the administration," Duffy said. "I think it will be exciting to see what happens in the new space..."

"The more we see, the more we expand everyone's mind. That starts to sort of open their mind to other kinds of ways of thinking and I think it's really important."

Couple of the Moment

Jen Duprey and Phil Saltmarsh

Reporting by Lorin Richardson, Asst. Features Editor

Jen Duprey

1. How did you and Phil meet?

Last year we were RAs together in Stonewall. His room was directly below mine and he always played his music so loudly that it actually shook my room. At first I thought that it was really obnoxious but then I thought he was cute so it didn't bother me as much. We were friends for a while and we started officially dating in February.

2. What is the sweetest thing Phil has ever done for you?

He was really sweet on my birthday this past weekend. He gave me a Build-a-Bear dressed as Batman that he named "Philly Bear" and a gorgeous necklace. Then he planned a surprise party for me. Not a lot of people know how thoughtful and sweet he is.

3. Do you have any nicknames?

Phil sometimes calls me Jenny to be cute.

4. When you fight, how do you resolve it?

We always talk about whatever is bothering us. We never go to sleep angry or upset with one another. And when either of us do or say something stupid, we always apologize. We're not stubborn about it.

5. What is your favorite movie?

"Cruel Intentions" or "When Harry Met Sally"

6. What is Phil's middle name?

James

7. What is your favorite thing to do together?

We like to go on double dates with our friends, watch "Arrested Development" and "The Office" together, and snuggle. We have a lot of fun together no matter what we do.

8. What is your favorite thing about Phil?

I love Phil's sense of humor. Also, I love how he takes care of me. It's very cute.



that she accepts me as who I am. I also like her up beat personality.

Phil Saltmarsh

1. How did you and Jen meet?

We were RAs in Stonewall together last year, she lived right above me.

2. What is your favorite thing about Jen?

That she puts up with me and doesn't try to change who I am.

3. Do you have any nicknames for each other?

Jenny, Snugglebutt, Katie

4. How do you resolve fighting?

We don't really fight but we have a rule, if you say "I love you", the other person can't be mad at you.

5. What is Jen's favorite movie?

"Cruel Intentions"

6. What is your middle name?

James

7. What is your favorite thing to do together?

We enjoy going on double dates with our friends but we also enjoy just hanging out with each other.

8. What is your favorite thing about Jen?

I like how she doesn't try to change me and

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Single of the Moment?
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Safety first priority in ongoing construction projects

Nick Westbrook
Herald Staff

As construction continues across campus, the administration is stressing that student safety is the top priority.

Joseph Pangborn, Vice President and Chief Information Officer, is in charge of keeping people informed about the project.

"Pedestrian walkways and paths may not be the most direct from one spot to another but this things are done purposefully for safety reasons. The last thing we want to see is someone injured.

He said that all the projects are

running on schedule and that students should feel excited about what is happening.

"Some folks do complain about being inconvenienced, but the majority are forward thinking and excited about the changes," Pangborn said.

"It takes time to plan and build signature spaces and it is not possible to do construction of this magnitude with out some disruption to the norm."

The construction includes a Global Heritage Hall, an addition to the Marine and Natural Sciences building, a new residence hall and a new academic building.



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Students sample local food

Griffin Labbanse
Herald Staff

Roger Williams students and faculty got a taste of local food when Bon Appétit put real meaning to "from farm to fork" last week.

On Sept. 30, Bon Appétit filled The Commons with a lunch comprised of only foods bought within a 150-mile radius. Food was gathered from many different states within that radius in order to create a meal which would gather awareness of carbon footprinting and also would encourage buying from local farmers, harvesters, butchers and producers.

Executive Chef Robert Lavoie headed the operation on campus while head chefs in Bon Appétit's more than 400 cafes nationwide participated in the same challenge.

The Eat Local Challenge, a four-year annual event, was started by Bon Appétit and continues to be a popular event across the nation. It is received by some students at Roger Williams with the same excitement.

Senior Mark Wilchynski said that the lunch is a great way to support the local community. "It's great to see Roger Williams supporting local businesses," he said.

Wilchynski added that in today's struggling economy, this support is a great

thing.

Lavoie and his 45-person kitchen staff enjoyed creating a lunch using local ingredients.

"We all have fun creating local food dishes," Lavoie said. "This is our third year participating in the Eat Local Challenge and we are perfecting our menu."

The lunch on campus was compiled of foods from many local towns. Beverages came from downtown Bristol, meat from Vermont farms, seafood straight from Point Judith, and steak from Fall River.

Lavoie said that he loves input from his staff. Many members of his staff cooked their own personal homemade recipes for the student body, enhancing the local feel. Lavoie added that as the staff at Roger Williams partakes in this event annually, the school continues to improve its cost efficiency as it finds resourceful ways of purchasing products.

Freshmen Brendan Hallahan said that it was good to see the school doing events such as the challenge.

"It shows that the school strives upon reaching out to the community and supporting local businesses," he said.

The Eat Local Challenge will be held next year around the same date at all of Bon Appétit's cafes across the country.

STAND struggles without budget

Courtney Costello
Herald Staff

A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition, STAND, struggles to move on this semester with no money, due to a budget form miscommunication between STAND, Student Programs and Leadership and Student Senate.

Jayda Blinn, the Student Senate Finance Chair said that, "Last year STAND did not receive a budget because they did not submit it on the correct form."

"Budgets must be submitted on the standard form used by the Senate and must be accompanied by any supporting documentation that would assist the Finance Committee during the budgeting process," said Josh Hiscock, an advisor to Student Senate.

Last semester, when budgets were due STAND handed in a budget form unaware that they were supposed to propose their budget on a new form.

STAND handed in their form prior to the deadline and Student Programs and Leadership and Senate did not inform the club of any errors.

"When we handed in the budget at Student Programs and Leadership, the person who received the budget did not inform the Treasurer that it was in the wrong format," Elizabeth Lessig, Vice President of STAND, said, "We went to the last budget review meeting and Senate didn't mention any problems either."

STAND attended every finance meeting and along with all the other clubs and organizations were told that they would receive an email with the proper form to fill out next years budget on.

"Student Senate never emailed the President or Treasurer of STAND with the new budget form," said

Lessig. "Like they said they were going to at the prior budget meetings."

STAND appealed to the finance committee, who told them clearly that it would be unfair that STAND receives a budget and not the other clubs that also filed the wrong paper work. According to STAND, they filed everything correctly except for the signature aspect that were recently introduced for the upcoming year.

In STAND's appeal there were points made that the Senate bylaws do not state that clubs have to use the specific budgeting form nor does it state that clubs who improperly do their budgets will be placed at the bottom of the list to receive one.

The Senate bylaws do state that "The annual budgeting process shall be done in the following manner: submission of the budget proposal, budget proposal may be submitted to student programs and leadership no earlier than the first Wednesday in March....Budgets may only be submitted to the Department of Student Programs and Leadership. Late budget proposals will not be accepted for any reason." The bylaws do not leave any direction for budget requests filed on the wrong form.

Included in their appeal STAND did state that filling out the wrong form was just a small error on their part and all the information that Senate needed was handed in originally.

"STAND can still come to the Student Senate Finance Committee for allocations for any of their events," said Blinn.

In the next couple of months STAND will be hosting several fundraisers to benefit children living in Africa.

'Ghosts' comes alive on stage

Lorin Richardson
Asst. Features Editor

A glamorous old-fashioned living room sets the stage for a tale of guilt, deception and figuring out just how to deal with life when it throws you under.

This is the set of the play, "Ghosts," and this production won't come to haunt you, but will make you want to come back for more.

"Ghosts," written by Henrik Ibsen in 1882, centers around a woman who opens an orphanage after the death of her husband. When her sick son comes home, issues of disease and euthanasia develop as well as characters being "stuck" and covering up their own issues.

After opening last weekend, the play returned to the Performing Arts Center Thursday night and will be performed again tonight at 8 p.m.

Directed by Peter Wright, the play is thoroughly modern for being written in the 18th century.

"It's really after talking about people who are trapped within us, dead ideas and dead conventions and unable to get out somehow or another to move on."

Wright said there were challenges bringing "Ghosts" to life, just like with every other play, but said that his cast was phenomenal and became very close.

"One of the things that was amazing to work with was how well 21st century actors can find it important, work so hard, trying to get at it... It was amazing to have cast members so devoted and really believe in it."

The cast's five members were Mandie Hittleman, Jesse Trimbach, Matthew Pacific, Sara Panaccio and Kevin 'Finch' Fennell. Rehearsals

were almost every day and sometimes lasted six hours, but the group bonded over their dedication to the play.

"The rehearsals were tedious at times, but it was a close knit cast of five and we were always ready to pick each other up. We're all friends outside of rehearsal," said Trimbach, who played Pasto Manders.

Some actors said they had trouble getting into character.

Hittleman, who plays Mrs. Alving, said that she had problems confronting her emotions.

"The most challenging part for me was letting go of my boundaries and allowing myself to be immersed in the character and time period of 'Ghosts,'" she said. "This play has allowed me to stretch my emotional capacity and emotive feelings and ideas I have come to believe in."

Hittleman also learned to enjoy her character at the same time, she said.

"She is very empowering. The love of her family has affected her choices through life and she would ultimately do anything for them. That's what I respect the most about her and find myself relating to."

When the household maid is involved, the play becomes even more suspenseful and surprising.

Some of the character roles were more challenging than others. Pacific, who plays Oswald Alving, said he had trouble playing someone who was terminally ill.

"Their is an edge to Oswald that is more personal than it is seen by the audience. However, it must also come across that something is troubling him, something is constantly on his mind," Pacific said.

Admission is \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public.

MERIT: System controls housing selection

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number.

"This new merit housing system is a really great opportunity for students on campus to really get rewarded in a lot of ways for really great things that they are already doing," said Joshua Hiscock, Associate Director of Student Programs and Leadership.

"This new system reflects what our department has as a philosophy: that being a part of the campus community starts by attending things, to going up and becoming more involved in increasingly larger levels."

The idea for the merit-based system was developed from research on other universities' lottery systems. Stonehill College, located in Easton, Mass., became RWU's main example when it came to planning the structure of the new system.

According to Stonehill's website, students' room selection is based on merit points. Similarly, a student starts with 10 merit points, followed by points being gained for involvement and deducted for violations.

A spokesman for Stonehill declined to comment on the university's policy.

Where the two institutions differ is that at RWU, the better merit a student has, the earlier he or she gets to choose from available housing options. At Stonehill, if two groups of roommates desire the same room, they go through a tiebreaker where they use the lowest randomly assigned lottery number to break the tie.

An issue the Department of Residence Life and Housing faced was figuring out a way to keep track of merit

points. The department came to the solution of scanning a student's ID at the end of an event.

"Campus Programs purchased hand-held scanners so that every time a student leaves an event, they will scan out of the program," Montefusco said. "This information will then be downloaded to a student's MyRWU e-mail account so students can view their points."

However, this new system raises a larger question: are students attending functions and events by choice, or is it strictly to secure better housing?

"I'm not interested in a lot of other events, like sports," Starr said. "Why should I feel the need to take time out of my schedule to attend a soccer game just to get merit points?"

This especially affects students who have a demanding academic curriculum or work schedule.

"I work 20 hours a week, I go to five classes and get a lot of homework," Starr said. "It's not fair if I can't make it to certain events where you can gain points and everyone else who doesn't work can go."

The administration contends that the new system will create a balance between involvement and academics because it prompts a student to excel at both.

"There will still be an academic basis through credit breakdown," Montefusco said. "The merit points will determine where a student stands within their credit group."

Academics still play a role in the system. Students will receive one-third of a merit point for attending

events within their academic field or maintaining a high grade-point average.

"Each system has its pros and cons," said Miranda Downing, Vice President of the Inter-Residence Hall Association. "Students might be more encouraged to take more credits per semester with the old system, but the merit lottery facilitates students going out and doing things around campus and makes students really consider what would be best for them."

With hopes of increasing the turnout at events and functions around campus, the administration expects that students will walk out with a little something they did not have before.

"My hopes are that it will increase the attendance at events and make students aware about what is going on around campus," Hiscock

said. "There may be some students who attend because they feel they have to, but I believe students will use this as an opportunity to get rewarded for the great behavior they're already exhibiting."

But will the crowd drawn in always be open to new opportunities? At the beginning of

the fall semester, freshmen were required to attend a number of events during the Weeks of Welcome, a month-long event to welcome the freshman class. The turnout was always high, but that wasn't always the case for interest level.

"I feel like this would make entertainers insecure because now they know people don't want to be there and know that it's just a forced event," Starr said.

The administration realizes that there are going to be many obstacles during this change, but Hiscock said he hopes these will be overcome.

"The goal is not to have events that are just being done for the sake of being done so people can get merit lottery points, but to have really fun, exciting and entertaining events that students would want to stay through," said Hiscock. "I think in the

end it will be less of a nuisance and more of a positive thing."

RWU is not the first institution to use merit lottery points to determine housing for the following year, but it is a big change to the campus community.

"I'm not going to feel left behind and not attend an event to gain points," said Starr. "It may take time out of where I could be studying or writing a paper, but I'm still going to build my merit points."

Events maybe benefiting from a larger audience, but how many in the crowd actually want to attend that function?

"Our last comedian's opening line was 'How many of you don't want to be here right now?'" Starr said.

And most of the freshman class raised their hands.

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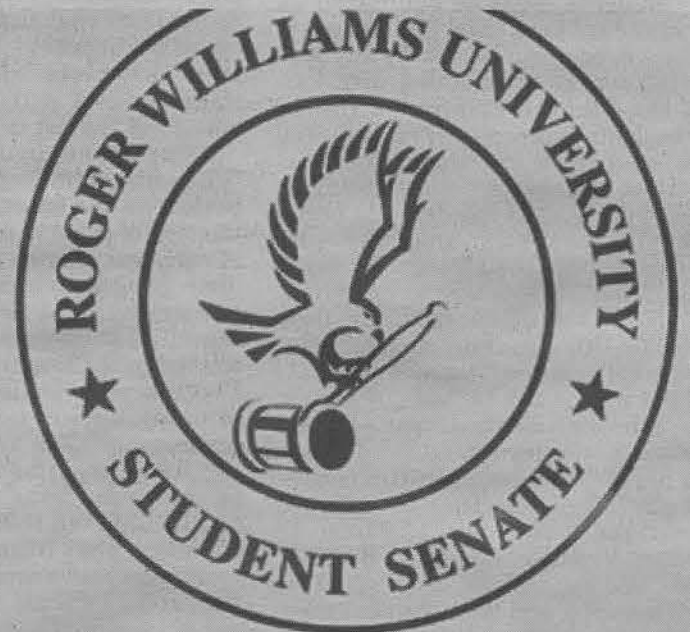
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SOCCER: Pendleton leads the way for Hawks

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Pendleton took care of the rest of the scoring for the Hawks, recording three goals in the game for her second time this season.

Pendleton's first came just two minutes after Whalen gave RWU the lead. The shot was taken from deep outside the 18 yard box but beat the Seahawk keeper far post to the left side. The goal gave the Hawks a 2-0 lead going into the break.

Goals in the 60th and 62nd minute capped off the hat trick for Pendleton and put the game out of reach for Salve Regina. The Seahawks were outshot 29-6 and fell to 2-4-0 in conference play this year.

Both Garside and junior keeper Jenny Schermerhorn saw time in net, combining for the Hawks sixth shutout in a row and ninth of the season. RWU has still yet to let up a goal in a win this season.

The Hawks (9-2-0, 7-1-1 CCC) take the field again when Western New England College comes to Bristol on Saturday at 12:30 p.m.



MARISA MYERS/THE HAWK'S HERALD

The Hawks defense has held their opponents scoreless in each of their last five games.

RWU Equestrian rides to success in season opener

Dan Malkin
Asst. Sports Editor

The Roger Williams University Equestrian team traveled across the state to compete in the University of Rhode Island show at Faith Hill Farm this past weekend. The Hawks were up against 12 schools from the New England area, including their biggest competition, Brown University.

The team had a strong season last year and was able to have two riders qualify for the zone finals. After last season's third place finish in the conference, this year's team has high hopes and aspirations. The team was excited, the horses were saddled up, and the coaches were confident in their team.

Senior captain Danica Kucinski and junior captain Kayla Waskiewicz prepared their squad for their first event, the intermediate flat. The team was led by Olivia "Curtain Call" Cornell, who in the end galloped her way to a second place finish ahead of some very strong competition in the exciting event known as walk-trot-canter.

The team then focused its attention to the next event, intermediate flat. Sam "Nocturnal" Taylor had an excellent day on the farm as she and her bronco were on fire, placing second in this difficult event.

"It was a really good show," said Taylor. "The girls rode really well, and overall, it was a great day for our team."

Next up was Ashley

Gagnon, who also had an outstanding run, finishing with a strong second place finish in the novice fences competition.

To close out the show was Amelia Stasny who had a superb round placing second in the intermediate fences category.

"I was really impressed with the way we competed as a team," said Cornell. "We were strong across the board and I am excited for what we can accomplish this season."

In the end, host URI escaped with the first place victory ahead of Brown by three points. Roger Williams was able

to finish in third place with a very strong showing.

The team has a nice mix of returning riders as well as incoming freshmen and will continue to be a dynamic threat to any opponent. It was an overall successful weekend for the ladies and their season is off to a strong Big Brown-like start.

Next up for the team is the Trinity College show on Saturday, Oct. 11 in Connecticut.

The ladies will then focus their attention to their big show on Oct. 19 in Warren, where they will host the event.



COURTESY SAM TAYLOR

RWU is hosting its invitational tournament in Warren, RI on October 19th

News & Notes

The Roger Williams University Men's Tennis team opened their season with a win, beating Springfield 6-3. The Hawks dropped both the #1 Singles and #1 Doubles matchups, but the collective strong play of the rest of the team won them the matchup.

The match, due to rain, was played half outside and half inside. The Hawks (1-0) hit the courts again this Saturday in the Stonehill College Tournament in Easton, Mass.

Singles

#1 Andrew Constant (SC) def. Brad Bolte (RWU), 6-2, 6-2

#2 Ryang Kim (RWU) def. Bobby Schlink (SC), 6-3, 6-4

#3 Tim Tunis (SC) def. Kyle Baker (RWU), 6-0, 6-3

#4 Dan Kleitz (RWU) def. Zach O'Leary (SC), 6-4, 6-2

#5 Spencer Withington (RWU) def. Mike McGee (SC), 6-4, 6-2

#6 Kevin Erickson (RWU) def. Eric Henne (SC), 6-2, 6-4

Doubles

#1 Constant/Schlink (SC) def. Bolte/Kim (RWU), 8-3

#2 Baker/Kleitz (RWU) def. O'Leary/Tunis (SC), 8-6

#3 Agonia/Withington (RWU) def. Phil O'Sullivan/Yves Singletary (SC), 8-4(RWU) 8-1

Upcoming Games

Men's Soccer

Saturday October 11th vs. WNEC (12:30 p.m.)

Thursday October 16th vs. Babson (4:30)

Women's Soccer

Saturday October 11th vs. WNEC (3:00 p.m.)

Wednesday October 15th vs. Eastern Nazarene (4:30)

Women's Volleyball

Saturday October 11th @ Springfield College (9:00 a.m.)

Tuesday October 14th @ Salve Regina (7:00 p.m.)

Women's Tennis

Saturday October 11th @ Gordon College (12:00 p.m.)

Wednesday October 15th CCC Quarterfinals (2:00 p.m.)

Men's Tennis

Saturday October 11th @ Stonehill College (9:00 a.m.)

Sunday October 12th @ Stonehill College (9:00 a.m.)

Men's & Women's Cross Country

Saturday October 11th - Roger Williams Invitational (11:00 a.m.)

Saturday October 18th - Williams College Invitational

Men's soccer prevails in overtime thriller

Dan DeBlasio
Sports Editor

The Roger Williams University men's soccer team split a pair of conference games this past week, winning an overtime thriller against Nichols College but falling on a late goal to nationally ranked Wheaton College.

The Hawks and senior Dan Saccoccio put a damper on Nichols College's homecoming weekend festivities when they broke a scoreless tie just minutes into the second overtime.

The score came on a free kick off the foot of Saccoccio from 23 yards out. The shot beat

the diving Bison goalkeeper and grazed the left post before finding the back of the net.

It was the Bisons, though, that jumped out to an early lead when their freshman midfielder sent in a cross that was handled by Mark Capitanio, who was able to beat Hawks sophomore keeper Peter Plate.

RWU answered the call just 10 minutes later in the second half when Saccoccio took a pass from sophomore Michael Patriarca and deposited it in the lower right hand corner for the score.

Plate was strong in net, recording six saves including a potential game winner late in the second half off a headed ball on a Nichols corner kick.

It was an unwanted turn of events in the game against Wheaton College, where this time, it was RWU that fell victim to a late goal and suffered defeat for just their third time this season.

The go ahead score came with just 2:56 left on the clock when a Wheaton forward rifled a shot that was saved by Plate. Plate, though, could not keep a handle on the ball as it rolled to a Thunder player who capitalized on the open shot.

Saccoccio struck gold again in this game, the Hawks' lone goal of the match, in the 50th minute. Freshman Liam Isleib sent a long cross to Saccoccio who slipped it in for his sixth goal of the year.

The first Wheaton goal came in the 64th minute again on a ball that got loose in front of the Hawks' net.

The Hawks move to 6-3-1 on the year, and 5-2-1 in conference. They will take the field again when they host the Golden Bears of Western New England College on Saturday at 3 p.m.



COURTESY RWU ATHLETICS

Senior Dan Saccoccio scored all three of the Hawks goals last week.

Women's soccer wins sixth straight game, records ninth shutout

Dan DeBlasio
Sports Editor

The Roger Williams University women's soccer team has now won six games in a row with wins this week over Colby-Sawyer College and Salve Regina University.

A goal by freshman Katie Fusaro in the third minute was all the Hawks would need to keep the Chargers of Colby-Sawyer at bay in their first game of the week. For Fusaro, it was her ninth goal of the season, and one of an impressive 26 shots on the day for RWU.

A relentless offense combined with a stifling defense allowed the Hawks to control the tempo of the game throughout. The Chargers were able to manage just two shots, with neither of them being on goal.

The Hawks' defense was able to hold their 1-0 lead for 87 minutes behind strong play by a group that included sophomore Taryn Mancarella, sophomore Julie Moody, senior Julie Hamor, junior Sam Tolken and freshman Taryn Roussel.

Junior goalkeeper Jen Garside was not forced to make a single save in the match.

It was a dominant performance put out by RWU in its matchup with in-state rival Salve Regina on Tuesday. The Hawks won 4-0, scoring early



COURTESY RWU ATHLETICS

and often and once again shutting down the opposing offense.

RWU got on the board off a corner kick taken by junior Amanda daCunha. daCunha was able to send the ball to teammate Kelsey Whalen and the freshman was able to slide it in from in front of the net.

Freshman forward Laurin

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Upsets shake college football as many perennial powers fall in conference play

Dan Malkin
Asst. Sports Editor

The weather was perfect, the beer was ice cold and tailgating was in full force these past few weekends for another exciting and eventful round of college football.

The past two weeks have been unexpected and eventful as powerhouse teams have struggled and BCS busters have emerged. It began two weeks ago on a Thursday night in Corvallis, Ore. A sea of orange exploded onto the field when the Oregon State Beavers upset the then #1 ranked USC.

Then Florida lost in Gatorville and the Wisconsin Badgers went down on a failed two-point conversion to Big-10 rival Michigan. Three of the top 10 teams had already lost, when all of the attention switched gears to Athens, Ga., where the Bulldogs were hosting long time rival, Alabama.

It was the perfect day for Georgia fans, the most significant game on campus in decades, with the biggest blackout in school history. 95,000 fans entered Sanford Stadium dressed in black, excited to watch their team compete.

Then Alabama turned the Georgia blackout into a whiteout and stomped the dogs on all levels of play. Eighth-ranked Alabama looked as poised as any team in the nation by defeating Georgia 41-30. The final score looked closer than the game ac-

tually was as the Crimson Tide led 31-0 at halftime.

Georgia was the third of the top four teams to register their first loss of the season. The Bulldogs have since dropped out of the top 10, while Alabama jumped all the way up to second in the nation.

Also in the SEC, the under-rated Vanderbilt Commodores hosted Auburn in Nashville Tenn. In a defensive battle, Vandy came away victorious, 14-13 in front of a sellout crowd of screaming fans dressed in black and gold. The

Commodores have soared to a school best 5-0 start and will next face Mississippi State to remain on top of their conference.

The Big 12 also had some exciting

action this past weekend as Missouri traveled across the border to Lincoln, Neb. to compete against the Cornhuskers and a 30-year winless streak.

The Tigers had not won in Nebraska since 1978, but this was bound to be a much different situation. Missouri is the third best team in the nation, and proved it by playing like an elite team and destroying

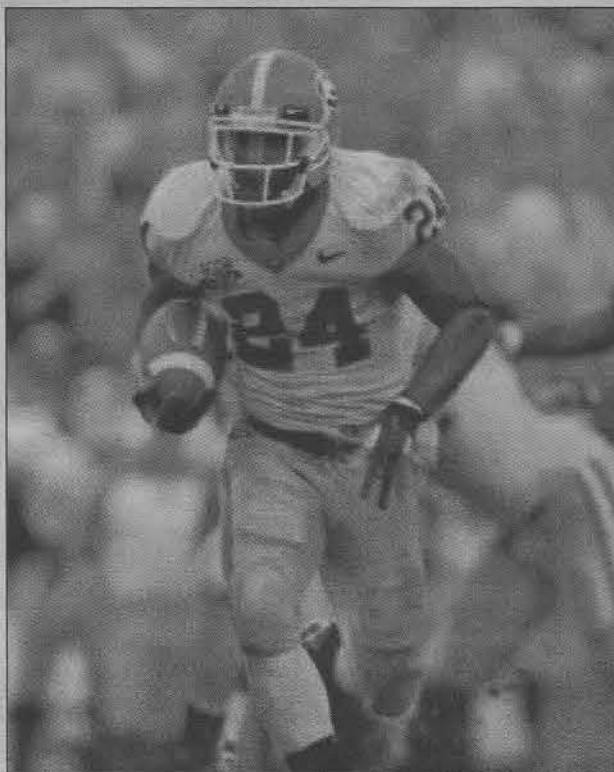
Nebraska, 52-17. Chase Daniel, the senior quarterback and Heisman trophy hopeful, threw for 253 yards and three touchdowns. The losing streak had been snapped and Missouri further proved to the college football world that they are the real deal.

Oklahoma, the best team in the nation, also took care of business by beating Baylor in a 49-17 blowout. The Sooners will next face off against number five Texas in their annual October battle. This game will have a BCS bowl feel and will be a major victory for either school.

Boston College also played well as Chris Crane dashed for a 13-yard touchdown and a fourth quarter victory as his team prevailed over North Carolina State, 38-31. This puts Boston College at 4-1 on the season where they will next battle a strong Virginia Tech team in Boston.

After another crazy few weeks, this college football season seems to be as unknown as last year's. The top 10 has been shaken up and more changes are sure to come.

It is always exhilarating to see upsets and close games on Saturday afternoons. Conference play will continue to heat up in the weeks to come as more electrifying and surprising plays will continue to unfold.



COURTESY YAHOO SPORTS

Knowshon Moreno and the Georgia Bulldogs couldn't get past the Crimson Tide of Alabama.